GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:167
ANSWERED ON:02.03.2006
TRANSPORTATION OF PERISHABLE COMMODITIES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether refrigerated vans have been attached to various trains for transportation of fruits, vegetables and other perishable commodities;

(b) if so, the details alongwith the number of trains to which these vans are attached;

(c) whether the Railways have decided to attach more refrigerated vans to provide better services for transportation of perishable commodities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the follow-up action taken in the matter?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD)

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO. 167 BY SHRI P. C. THOMAS TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 02.03.2006 REGARDING TRANSPORTATION OF PERISHABLE COMMODITIES.

(a) to (d) A total of ten Refrigerated Vans have been introduced so far for transportation of perishable commodities including fruits, vegetables, frozen foods, frozen meats/poultry, chocolates, other milk products, phar.maceuticals etc. Refrigerated Vans (VPRs) are attached to long distance Maii/Express trains for faster movement. Demand for these VPRs keeps fluctuating from place to place. At present they are mainly being run on two circuits between Ambala - Howrah and Bangalore - Howrah.

Patronization of these VPRs has not been very encouraging and as such it is not proposed to manufacture any more VPRs for the time being.